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SUBJ: DOCUMENT DEMANDING ABOLITION COORDINATING
COMMITTEE ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT CIRCULATING

REF: A) LISBON 3657; B) LISBON 3598

SUMMARY: FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT REPORTS SEEING DOCUMENT
NOW CIRCULATING AMONG MILITARY WHICH AMONG OTHER THINGS
CALLS FOR RETURN TO MILITARY HIERARCHY AND DISCIPLINE,
USE OF DEMOCRATIC PROCEDURES WITHIN ARMED FORCES MOVEMENT,
AND ABOLITION AFM POLITICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE. END
SUMMARY.

1. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENT REPORTS SEEING A DOCUMENT
NOW CIRCULATING AMONG MILITARY FOR SIGNATURE WHICH
CONTAINS FOLLOWING DEMANDS (JOURNALIST'S TRANSLATION
FROM PORTUGUESE).

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A) THAT POLITICAL COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF ARMED FORCES
MOVEMENT (AFM) BE ABOLISHED;

B) THAT SELECTION OF MEMBERS TO FILL FUTURE VACANCIES
IN COUNCIL OF STATE BE DONE DEMOCRATICALLY;

C) THAT USE OF MILITARY TO FILL ESSENTIALLY CIVILIAN
POSITIONS BE RESTRICTED;

D) THAT THERE BE A RAPID RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF MILITARY HIERARCHY;

E) THAT A SENSE OF DISCIPLINE BE RECREATED IN ARMED FORCES;

F) THAT AFM BE ENLARGED IN SIZE TO INCLUDE ALL OFFICERS
WHO ACCEPT AFM SPIRIT AND WHO WILLING TO SO SIGN, AND
WHO DECLARE LOYALTY TO AFM PROGRAM.

2. DOCUMENT, WHICH BORE NO DATE OR TITLE, AND WHICH HAD
NO SIGNATURES AFFIXED, CONCLUDED TO EFFECT THAT "BELOW
SIGNED COMMIT THEMSELVES TO GUARANTEE AND SUPPORT RESPECT
FOR AND OBEDIENCE OF HIERARCHY IN ARMED FORCES AND
NATIONAL SALVATION JUNTA."

3. CORRESPONDENT ALSO ALLEGES DOCUMENT IN QUESTION
COMPLAINS OF CLANDESTINE MEETINGS HELD AUGUST 7 AND 8
IN WHICH "HIGHEST AUTHORITIES ATTACKED." FURTHERMORE
DOCUMENT SAYS COORDINATING COMMITTEE OF AFM IS NOT
PROVIDED FOR IN AFM PROGRAM, AND IS THEREFORE ILLEGITI-
MATE.

4. COMMENT: WE UNDERSTAND FROM DAO THAT THIS DOCUMENT DRAFTED BY
FOUR ARMY OFFICERS AND HAS BEEN SIGNED BY COSTA GOMES. DOCUMENT
CIRCULATING AMONG REGULAR OFFICERS TO DETERMINE THEIR VIEWS ON
FUTURE ROLE OF AFM COORDINATING COMMITTEE (REF B, PARA 5).
FACT THAT COSTA GOMES AMONG SIGNATORS SHOWS HE FIRMLY ON SIDE OF
THOSE IN MILITARY IN FAVOR OF RETURN TO REGULAR HIERARCHY.

5. APPARENTLY THERE IS DIVISION IN AFM OVER, AMONG
OTHER THINGS, QUESTION OF DEMOCRACY WITHIN MOVEMENT. FOUR
LEADING MEMBERS OF AFM IN GUINEA (ALFERES BARROS MOURA,
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LT. SABINO GUERREIRO, CAPT. JORGE ALVES, AND CAPT. DURAO
CLEMENTE) ALLUDED TO NON-DEMOCRATIC CHARACTER OF DECISION-
MAKING PROCESS IN METROPOLE IN TV INTERVIEW REPORTED
REF A. IN CONTRAST TO METROPOLE THEY ALLEGED ALL
"OFFICERS, SERGEANTS AND ENLISTED MEN" IN GUINEA-BISSAU
ALLOWED PARTICIPATE IN DECISION-MAKING, AND SUGGESTED
THIS PRATICE BE EMULATED ELSEWHERE.

6. REGARDING ABOLITION AFM POLITICAL COORDINATING
COMMITTEE, RESPECTED WEEKLY EXPRESSO IN AUGUST 24
EDITION REFERRED TO AN AS YET UNPUBLISHED PROTOCOL TO AFM
PROGRAM WHICH ALLEGEDLY AGREES THAT THIS COMMITTEE WOULD
BE ABOLISHED AT UNSPECIFIED TIME AFTER APRIL 25. EXPRESSO
IMPLIES AFM REFUSING TO LIVE UP TO PROTOCOL ON GROUNDS
ITS CONTINUED EXISTENCE STILL NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE
COMPLIANCE WITH AFM PROGRAM.
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